BEING A SOLDIER
IN AN ARMY OF ONE

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Chief Warrant Officer **Phillip Askins**. Pilot in Command. **AN ARMY OF ONE.**℠ In the United States Army.

An Army of One
The experience of a lifetime

Patriot Missile Crew

You want to make the most out of your life. You also want to make a contribution and at the same time become better prepared to meet the challenges of the future. There are plenty of options and picking the right one can be confusing. That's where the Army comes in.

Being a Soldier in the Army of One will challenge you from day one. You'll engage in life faster and better than most people your age. You'll experience things you never thought possible. You'll learn your capabilities, sharpen your skills and then push yourself to new limits. What you'll be is stronger, physically and mentally. What you'll feel is a sense of pride you've never felt before.

You will be a Soldier. It will be the experience of a lifetime.

An Army of One offers fantastic opportunities. Whether it's continuing your education, worldwide travel, the chance to work in one of more than 200 career fields, or challenge and adventure you're interested in, the Army is the place to be.

GIVING YOUR LIFE A "KICK START"

As a Soldier in the Army of One, you'll have several ways to reach your goals. You could choose full-time service in the active Army or choose the Army Reserve, and live and train in your community, ready to serve full time if needed. In both cases, you'll be able to get guaranteed, paid training in the field of your choice and the chance to put your skills to work. You can choose to serve as an enlisted Soldier or as an Officer, depending upon your qualifications and desires. Enlisted Soldiers are the backbone of the Army. They do the jobs that allow the Army to accomplish its mission. Officers are the senior managers and strategic thinkers who lead, challenge and motivate Soldiers.

Unlike most job opportunities, the Army doesn't require that you have any previous job experience. You're judged on your abilities and aptitudes and given a chance to pick the best available option for your qualifications. Unlike most civilian employers, the Army will give you the training and support you'll need to become an expert in your chosen field. Your Army Recruiter will explain this process to you in detail.

No job experience necessary. You'll receive guaranteed, paid training.

BASIC COMBAT TRAINING
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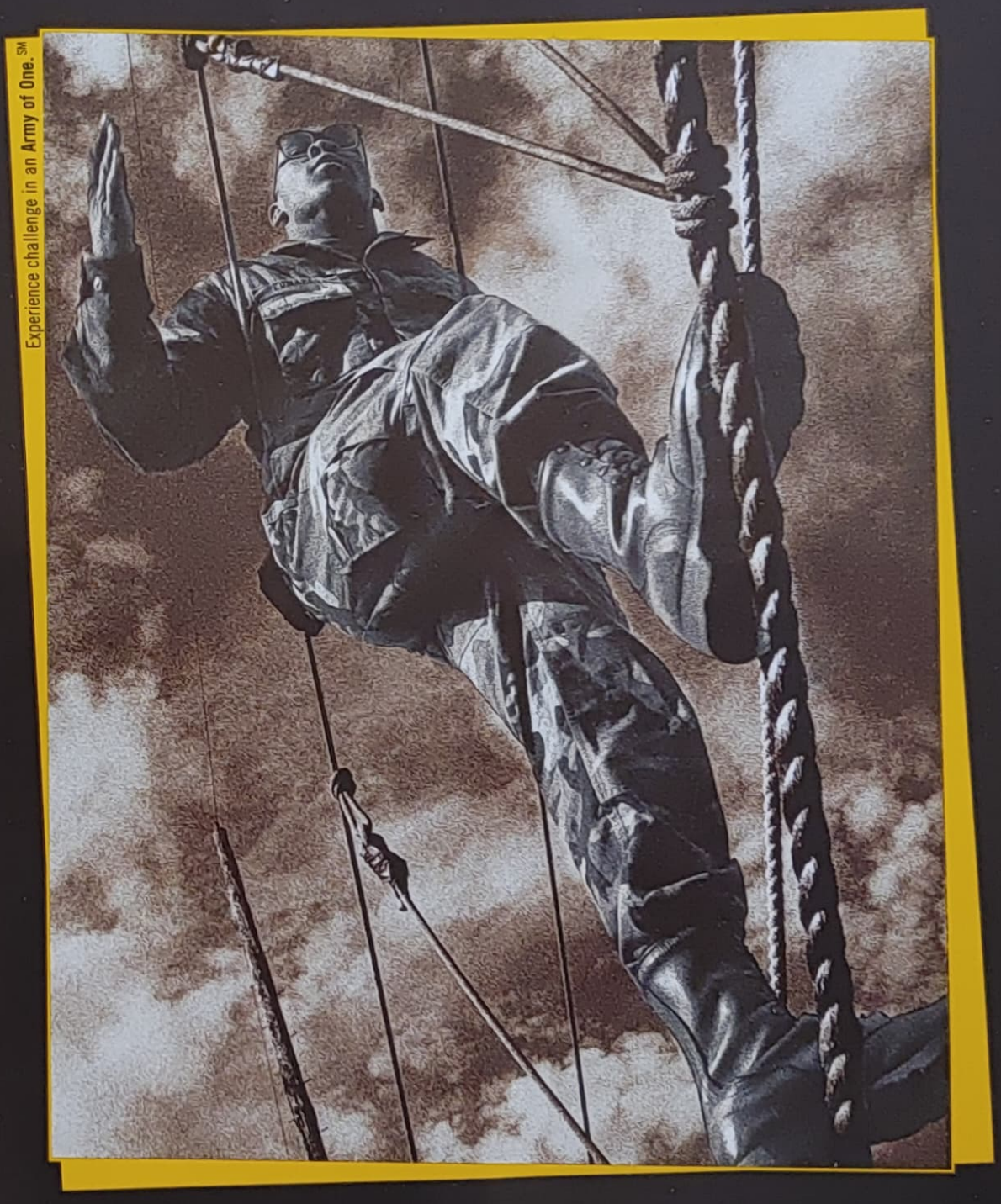


Experience challenge in an **Army of One.**℠

In Basic Combat Training you'll learn teamwork.

Once you're in the Army, you'll go to Army Basic Combat Training (BCT). You've probably heard how challenging this training is. It has to be, but you can do it. BCT takes the civilian you and turns you into a Soldier in An Army of One. You'll learn the power of teamwork and push yourself to new limits. You'll sweat, you'll strain, and you'll ache, but it will be worth it. When you march across the parade field on graduation day, you'll be justifiably proud of what you've accomplished. Others will feel this pride too.

ARMY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE–AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE

With more than 200 ways to become a full-time Soldier and more than 180 to serve in the Army Reserve, you'll receive quality, specialized, professional and technical training. In Advanced Individual Training (AIT), you'll learn from highly skilled professionals in the field of your choice, and then you'll put your new skills to work in an important, meaningful job. Right now, the Army has immediate openings in fields like Engineering, Avionics, Electronics and Health Care. If you'd rather do something different, you could learn to drive a tank, rappel down a mountain or even pilot a helicopter. If the job is available, and you've got the qualifications, it's yours.

If you've got the intelligence, motivation and ambition to succeed, there's no better place than the Army of One. Complex Army systems demand an ever-rising level of technical skills and abilities to operate and maintain. You'll get training and on-the-job experience that's on the cutting edge of advancing technology–the technology of tomorrow. There's no doubt that this experience will give you a leg up in the job market when your time in the Army is over.

Receive high-tech, hands-on training.

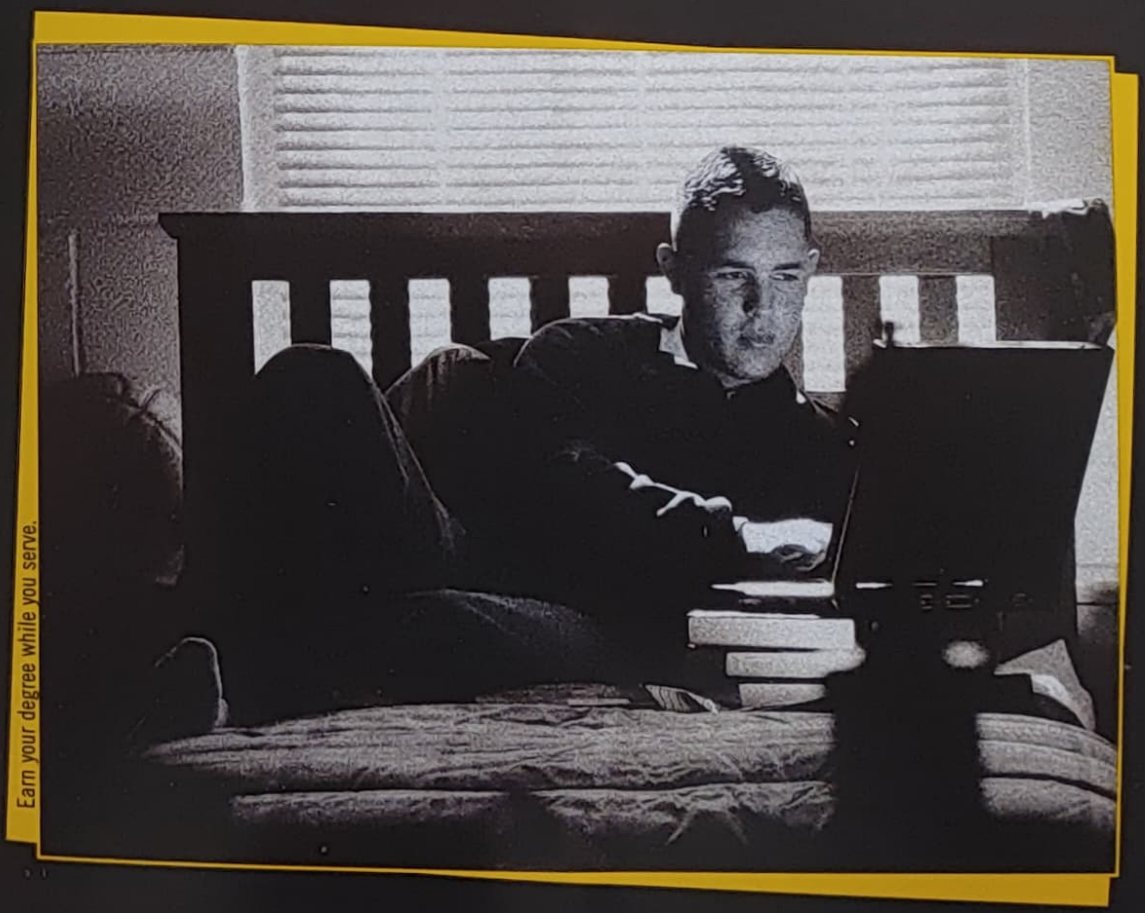
Corporate America is looking for people who have Army and Army Reserve experience, because the skills you learn will transfer directly to the workplace. Not only will you bring valuable skills, but you will have also learned something even more valuable to managers and company owners–teamwork, discipline, initiative and leadership.

This opportunity alone makes An Army of One a smart choice for motivated people, but beyond this, the Army offers some outstanding other reasons to join **now**.

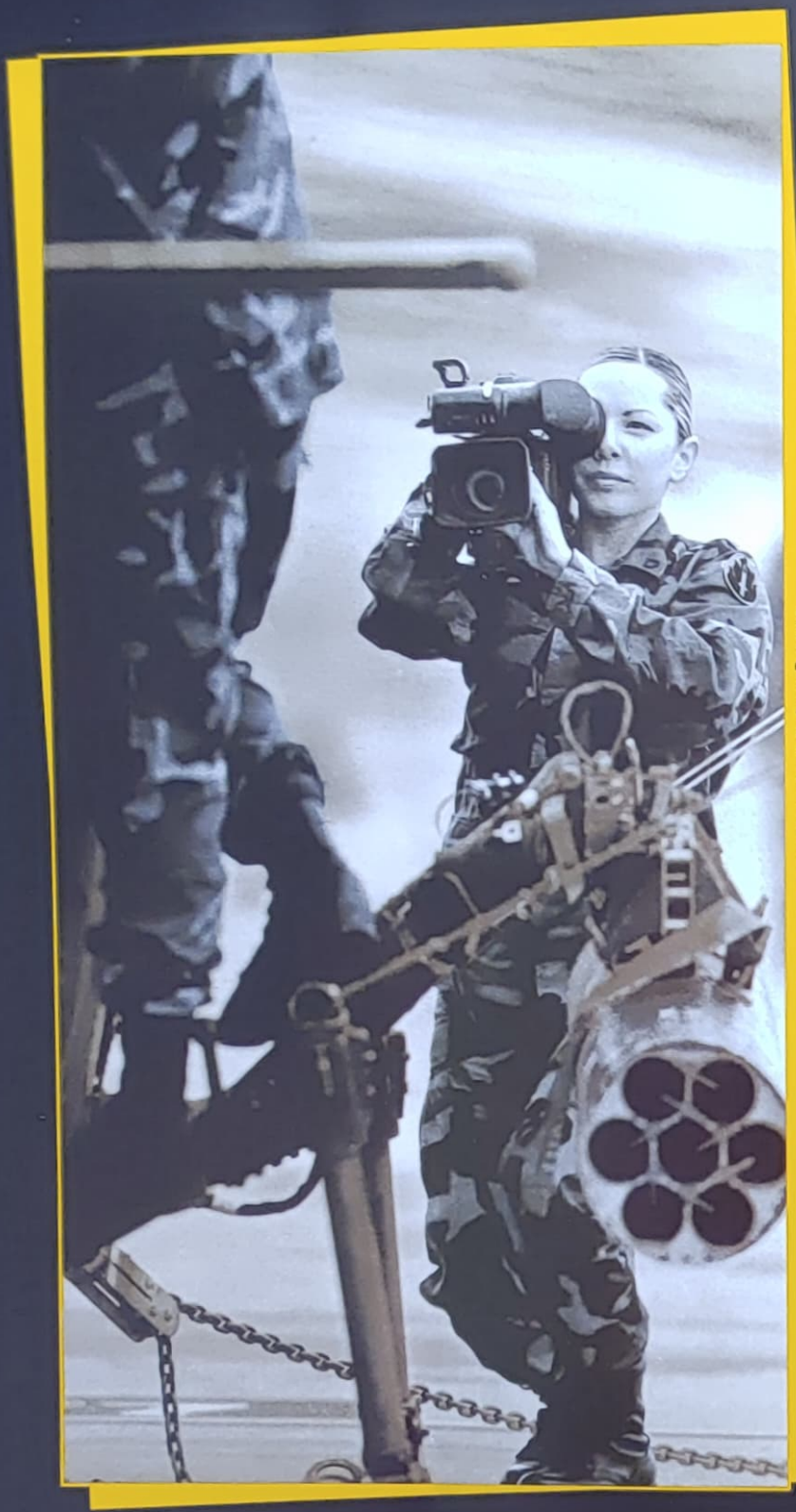
If you serve full time, you could be eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill and the Army College Fund–worth up to $50,000. You may also qualify for a $20,000 cash enlistment bonus. If you're college bound, this could be your ticket to a great education–one that comes with a built-in $20,000 nest egg to cover those things a scholarship doesn't. But you don't have to put off your college education until your enlistment ends. The Army can provide you with 75 percent tuition assistance to take college classes while serving–and you can enroll in the college of your choice no matter where you are stationed by participating in the Army's Concurrent Admissions Program. The Army also provides distance learning opportunities where you can take classes right on the Internet from a number of colleges and universities throughout the country. In most locations, the Army will even provide the computer resources. How many other employers will do that?

If you already have completed some or all of your college education and are looking for ways to pay off your student loans, the Army offers up to $65,000 through the Loan Repayment Program–a program that can instantly wipe out all or most of your college debt. While you're thinking about *that*, also consider that qualifying college education can allow you to enlist at an accelerated promotion rate. This means you enter the Army at a pay grade that takes Soldiers without college several years to attain–and *that* means plenty of extra pay in your pocket every month.

Think about it–financial incentives of as much as $85,000. Where else can you find a deal like that? It's great, but the best reasons for joining the Army are the more intangible ones. For instance, Army experience develops highly motivated, goal-setting individuals. You'll develop a mind-set of working toward an objective until it's achieved, and you'll work in a competitive environment that demands that you be a winner. You'll develop teamwork, leadership and people skills that will pay off for the rest of your life, no matter what you eventually decide to do.



Earn your degree while you serve.



Private First Class **Sandra Mercado**. Broadcast Journalist. **AN ARMY OF ONE.**℠ In the U.S. Army Reserve.

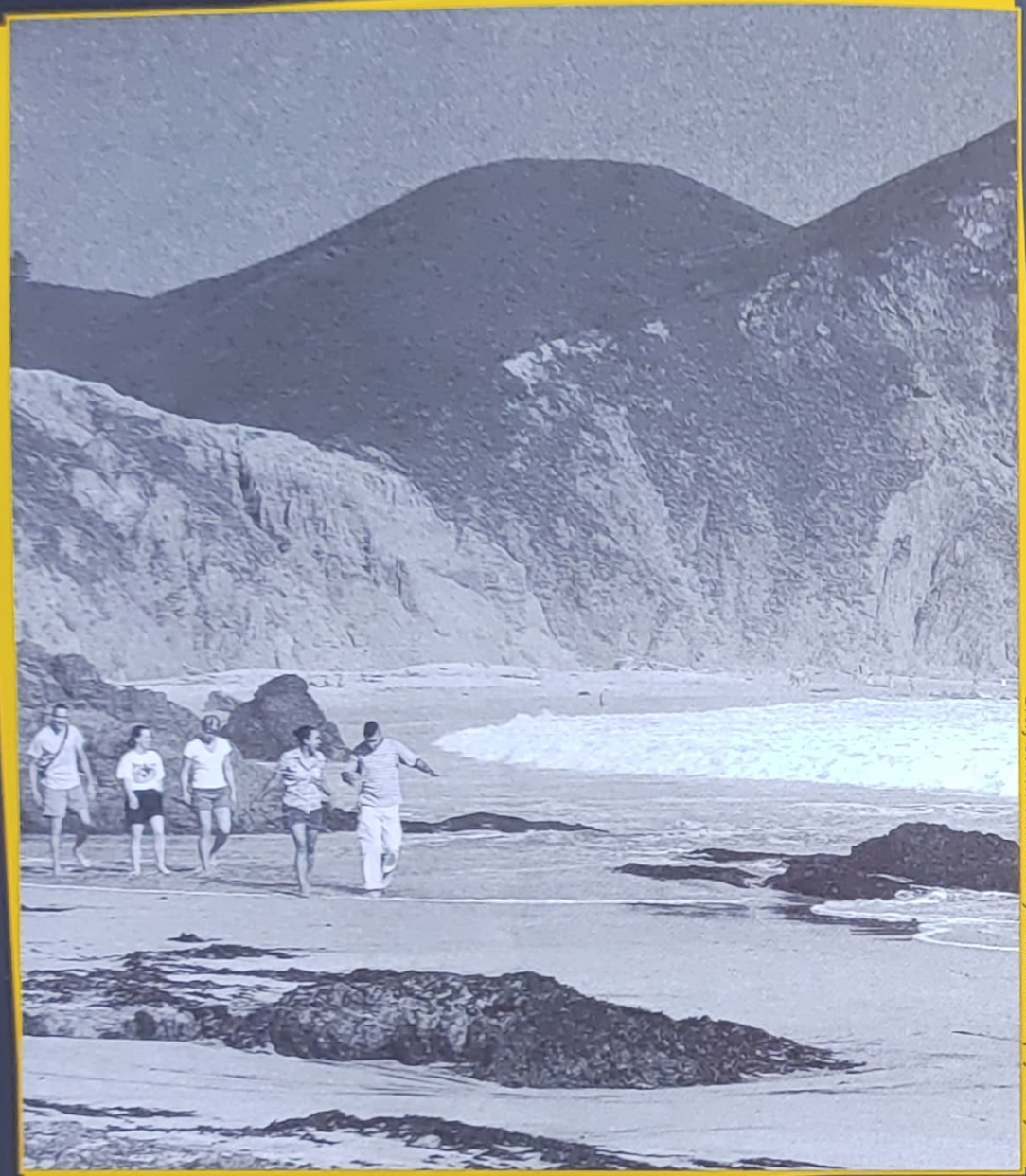
If you serve in the Army Reserve, you can also qualify for some outstanding benefits. These include an enlistment bonus of up to $8,000 and up to $20,000 for college with the Montgomery GI Bill and other Reserve incentives. Again, your Recruiter can fill you in on the details of this and other programs.

BECOMING AN OFFICER IN AN ARMY OF ONE

Officer Candidates receive leadership and specialized training.

There are several ways to become an Officer in An Army of One. The first is **Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)**. In ROTC, you'll attend college and learn history, tactics and physical training while gaining leadership skills and hands-on experience. If you've graduated from a four-year college, or are close to graduation, you can choose to attend **Officer Candidate School (OCS)**. Here you'll learn most of what you'll need to be a leader in An Army of One. The rest will come with experience.

Another route to becoming an officer is through **Warrant Officer Candidate School.** The Warrant Officer is a highly specialized expert and trainer who operates, maintains and manages high-tech Army equipment. **Warrant Officer Flight Training (WOFT)** offers qualified applicants the chance to learn how to pilot sophisticated Army helicopters. While most applicants to this program have at least some college behind them, WOFT is also available to qualified high school graduates.



Every Soldier earns 30 days vacation with pay each year.

SERVE AROUND THE WORLD–OR AROUND THE CORNER.

As a Soldier in the Army of One, you could be assigned to an overseas duty station such as Hawaii, Alaska, the Far East, Europe and more. You can even pick your first duty station if available. As an Army Reserve Soldier, you'll be assigned to a Reserve unit close to where you live or attend school. No matter which option you choose, you'll be maximizing your potential and gaining valuable experience. Further, you'll be working with young men and women from all walks of life, with goals and ambitions much like your own. Together you'll experience a unique and rewarding way of life–as Soldiers in An Army of One.

ARMY BENEFITS FOR NOW

As a Soldier in the U.S. Army or Army Reserve, you'll get a regular paycheck and earn promotions based on merit alone. Active duty Soldiers, as well as Reserve Soldiers on annual training, receive free room and board, or a generous allowance to pay for housing. You'll work hard, you'll learn skills, and you'll make some of the best friends you'll ever have. It's A COMPLETE LIFE EXPERIENCE, and one you shouldn't miss. Additionally, you'll get these substantial benefits while on active duty:

Medical and dental care

Professional-grade sports facilities such as pools, golf courses and gyms

Recreation centers, clubs, libraries and movie theaters

Low-cost, convenient shopping at the post exchange and commissary

Low-cost life insurance providing $250,000 of coverage

Play sports with Army friends.

...AND FOR THE FUTURE

Even though it's a long way off, it's good to know that some extremely valuable benefits could await you when it comes time to retire. Active duty Soldiers are eligible for retirement after 20 years of service and will receive benefits immediately. Army Reserve Soldiers receive retirement benefits when they reach age 60 with 20 years of qualifying service. These include an excellent, non-contributory retirement plan and all the benefits mentioned on the previous page. Think about it. The more you know about the many benefits offered by the Army, the better you'll be able to make the same, informed decision that thousands of other strong, smart, unique people just like you make every year.

Show your pride as a Soldier in an ARMY OF ONE.SM

If you're ready to get your life moving in a positive direction, you're ready to be a Soldier in An Army of One. Take the next step. Talk to your Army Recruiter and find out more. It's your future.

Special Forces group jump from 8,000 feet. Teamwork in **AN ARMY OF ONE.**℠

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